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REFERENCE B4: FR 2 772 931: From the Abstract provided by the UK Patent Office: "The seismic cable includes a number of acoustic transmitters spread along it each of which transmits an identifiable acoustic signal. The system includes a floating network having at least three acoustic receiver units (T, B, Q), with means for knowing the position of these units (T, B, Q) with respect to the ship (V). The system has also means for transmitting to a processing unit the time corresponding to receipt, by the receiver units (T, B, Q), of signals from the acoustic cable transmitters (P). The processing unit includes means for calculating, from these time and position values the position of the acoustic transmitters and therefore the trajectory of the cable as it is unrolled from the ship."

REFERENCE B5: FR 2 772 134: From the Abstract provided by the UK Patent Office: "The differential GPS, terrestrial GPS, the hydrographic sounder, and information processing device are chosen to have small dimensions and are combined in a portable box. They are arranged in the box so that they function without modification. An opening (12, 13) in the box provides for the removal of the acoustic base of the hydrographic sounder and to activate the various equipment. Device comprises a differential GPS receiver (3) equipped with HF, UHF or VHF communication for positioning by satellite, a terrestrial GPS (8) station with HF, UHF or VHF communication (9), a hydrographic sounder (2) and its acoustic base (11) and a computer device (4) for processing data."

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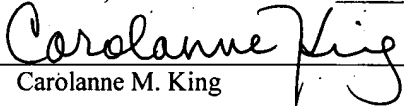
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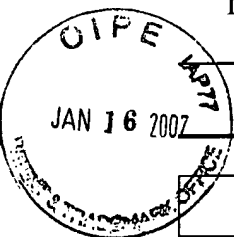
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## U.S. Patent Documents

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	A5	4,845,686	07/04/1989	Brac			
	A6	4,635,236	01/06/1987	Roberts			
	A7	4,555,779	11/26/1985	Roberts			

## Foreign Patent Documents

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	B4	FR 2 772 931	06/25/1999	FR			Yes
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## Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Exam. Init.	Ref. Des.	Citation
	C2	UK Search Report dated February 10, 2003, for Application No. GB 0223673.5 (Attorney Docket No. 14.0223-GB).

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